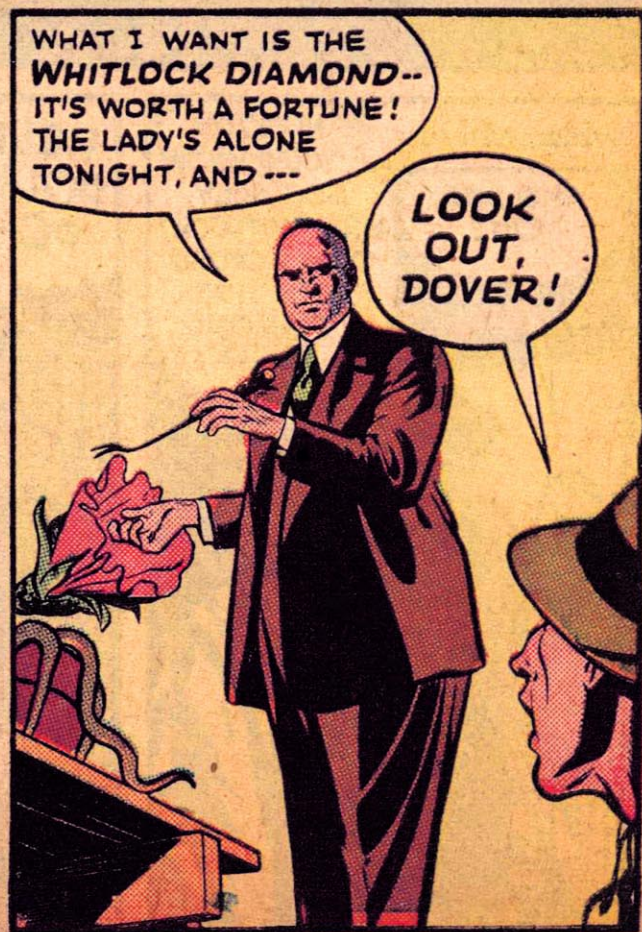
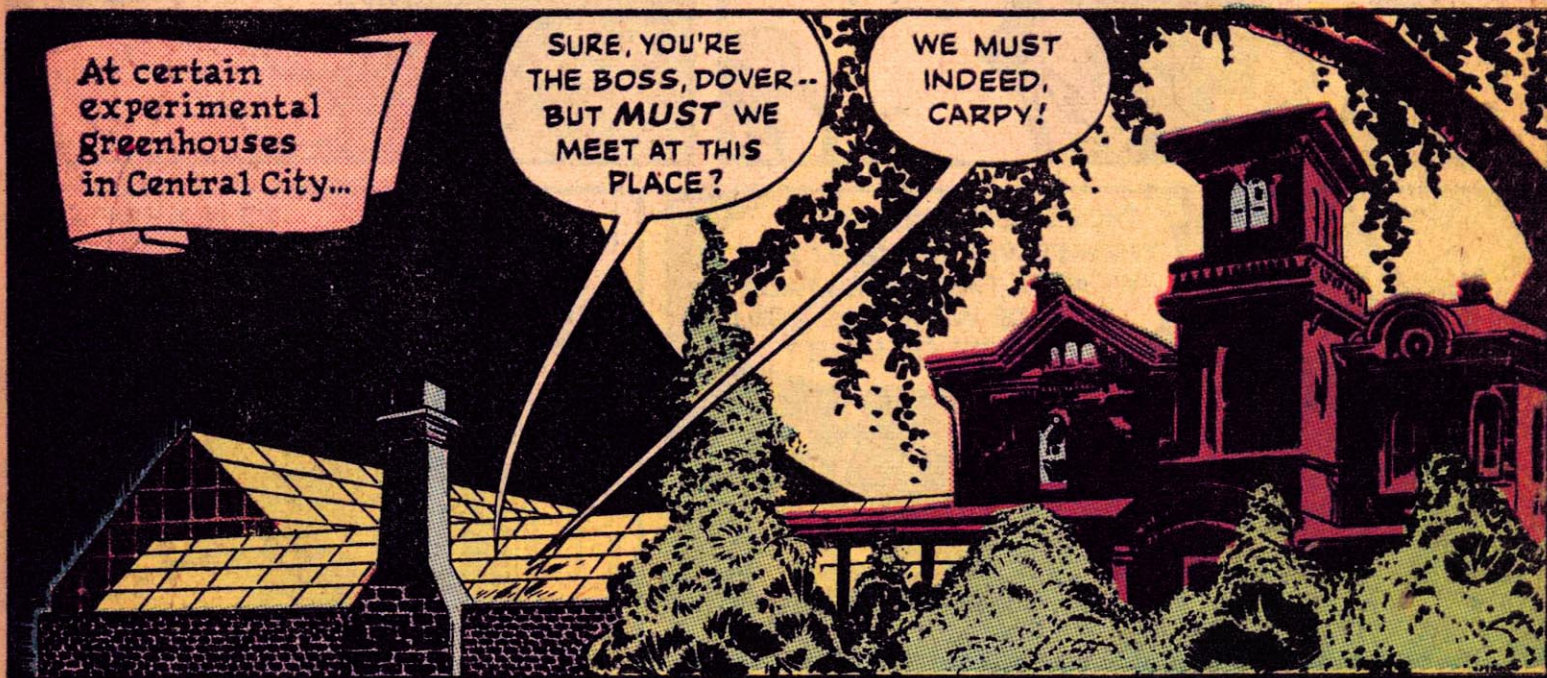


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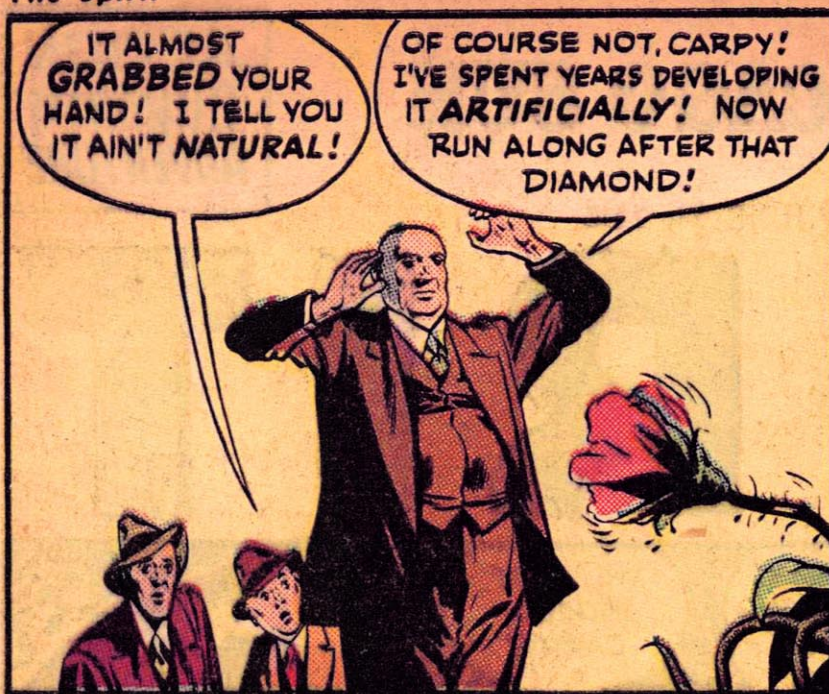
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THE SPIRIT





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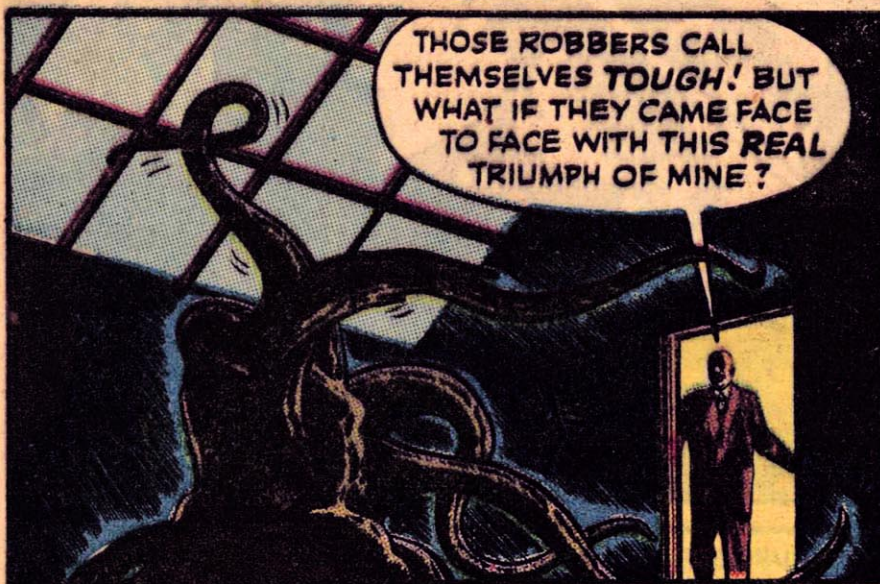


IT ALMOST
GRABBED YOUR
HAND! I TELL YOU
IT AIN'T NATURAL!

OF COURSE NOT, CARPY!
I'VE SPENT YEARS DEVELOPING
IT **ARTIFICIALLY!** NOW
RUN ALONG AFTER THAT
DIAMOND!



I NEED THAT STOLEN WEALTH!
IT ENABLES ME TO CARRY ON
MY EXPERIMENTS WITH
FLESH-EATING PLANTS!
THIS IS ONLY A **BABY...**



THOSE ROBBERS CALL
THEMSELVES **TOUGH!** BUT
WHAT IF THEY CAME FACE
TO FACE WITH THIS **REAL**
TRIUMPH OF MINE?



IT'S HUNGRY!..
IT WAS REACHING
FOR ME!



Meanwhile...

WHO ARE
YOU?

NOBODY
YOU'D KNOW
SOCIALLY,
MRS. WHITLOCK!
COME ACROSS
WITH THAT
DIAMOND,
QUICK!



HELP!
POLICE!
PO---

DIDJA CONK
HER, CARPY!
GRAB THE ROCK
--I SEE A COP
COMING!



GET
HIM!

YEAH, BUT WE'RE
CUT OFF! HERE
COME SOME
MORE!

YOU SAY YOU'VE CORNERED THEM? AND THEY KILLED A POLICEMAN? I'M COMING TO TAKE **PERSONAL** COMMAND!



KEEP EVERY EXIT COVERED! HEAVE THE TEAR-GAS BOMB IN THE WINDOW-- AND RUSH!



WAIT! IF THAT GAS DIDN'T BRING THEM OUT, THEY'RE **ALREADY** GONE!



C'MON OUT, CARPY! THOSE DUMB COPS DIDN'T THINK TO GUARD THE ROOF!

NO, THE **COPS** DIDN'T!



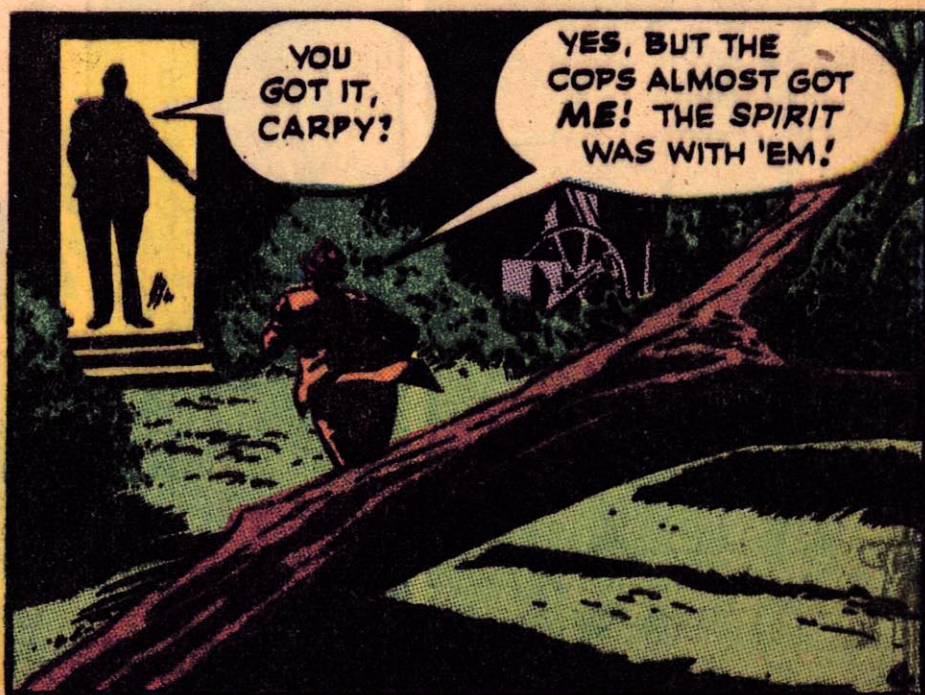
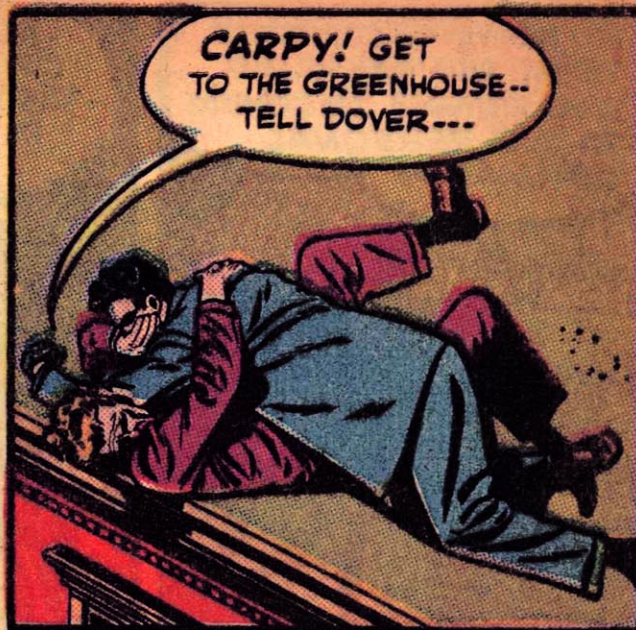
THAT DIAMOND WILL SCORCH YOUR HAND! FORK IT OVER!

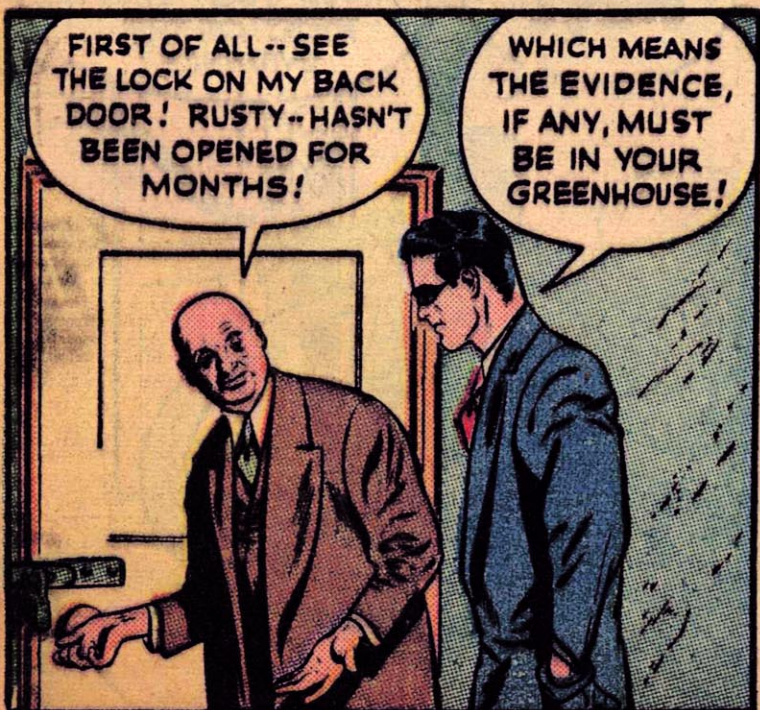
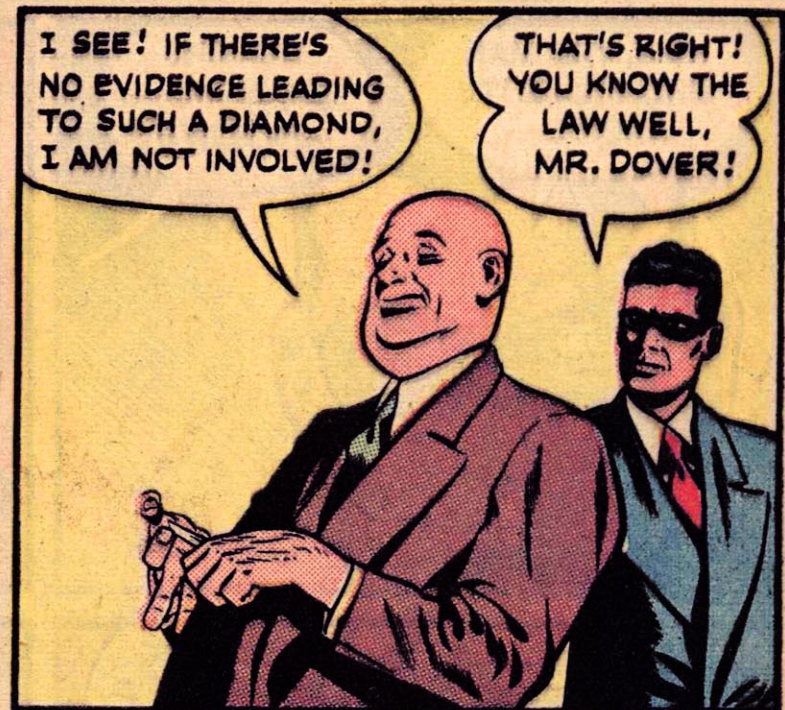
THE SPIRIT!
I'LL SHOOT---



RUN, CARPY! I'VE GOT HIM!







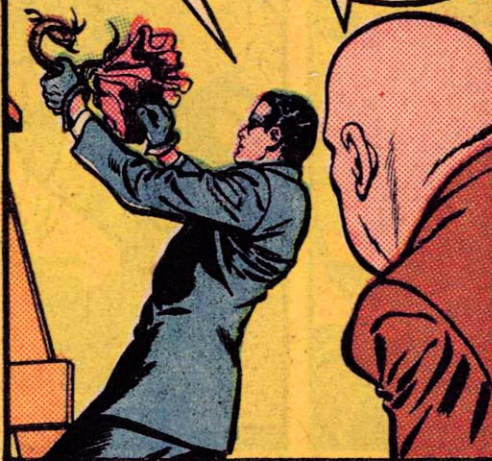


LOOK OUT!

WHUP!

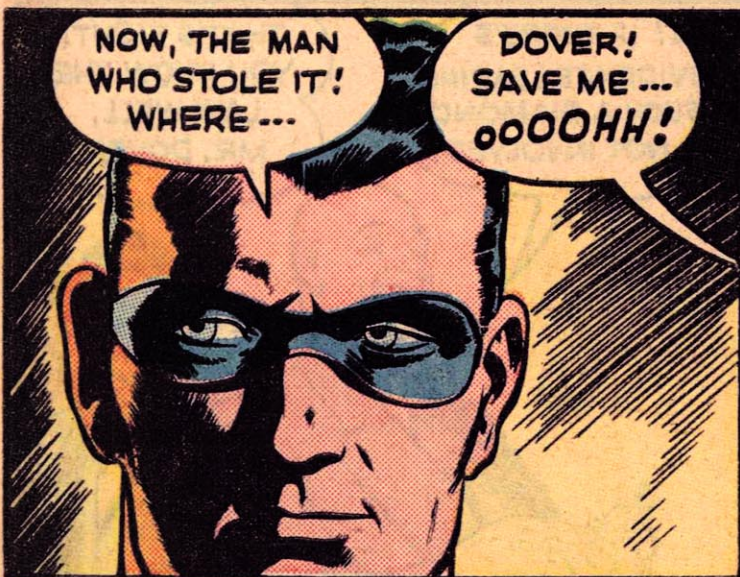
WHAT A SINISTER GROWTH! IT GRABBED ME LIKE A HUNGRY MOUTH!

CAREFUL, YOU FOOL! THAT'S A PRICELESS SPECIMEN!



PRICELESS? YES, LOOK WHAT WAS INSIDE IT!

WELL, WELL, WELL...!



NOW, THE MAN WHO STOLE IT! WHERE ...

DOVER! SAVE ME ...
OOOOHH!



HE'S IN HERE, EH?

YOU'LL BE SORRY! I GIVE YOU FAIR WARNING!—



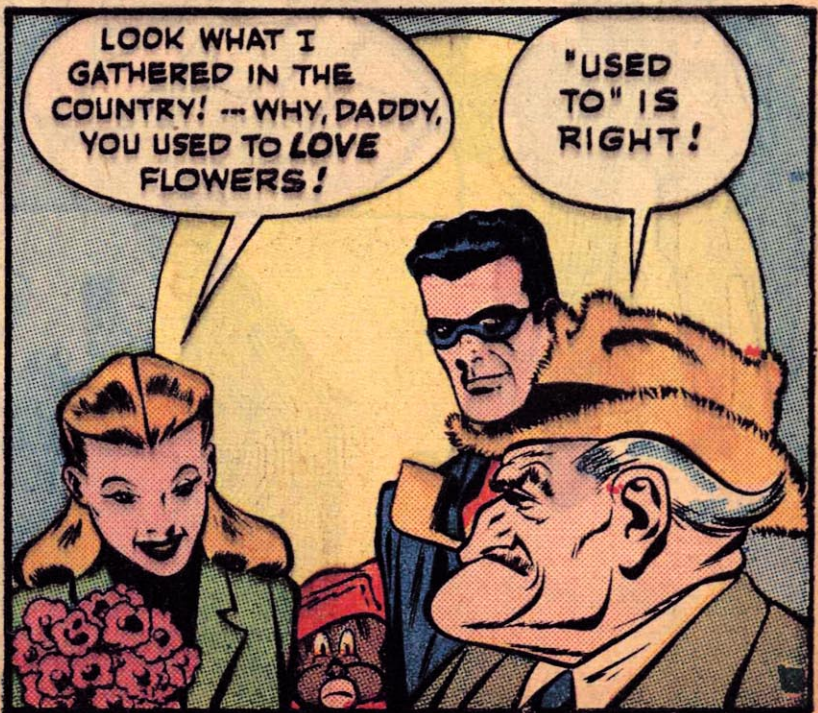
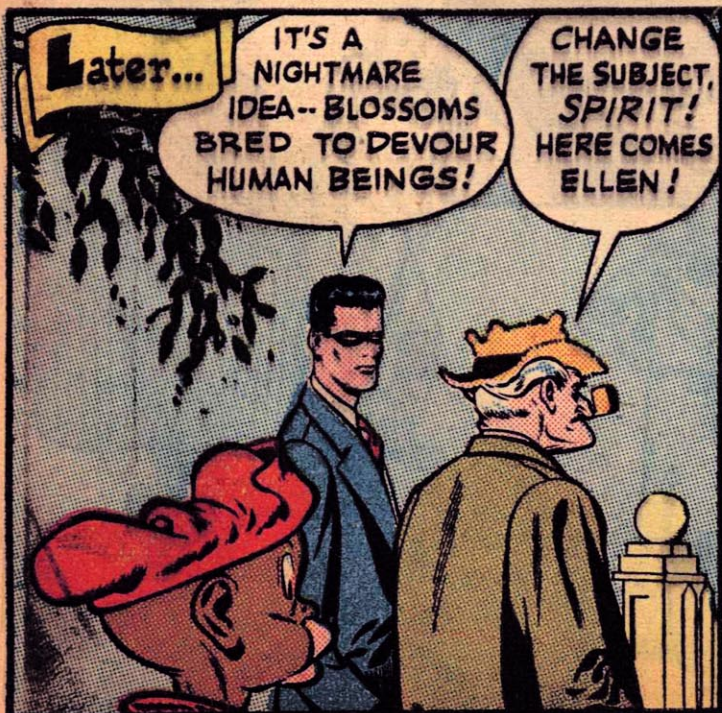
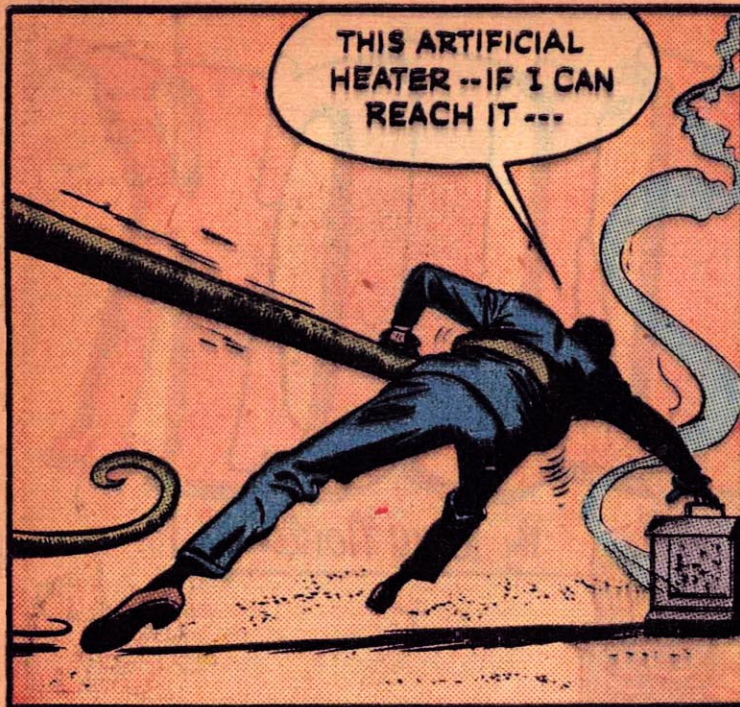
WHAT THE -----? A BIGGER SPECIMEN! AND THAT MAN ...

TOO LATE, SPIRIT! HE'S CHOKED TO DEATH ALREADY!



GHASTLY!...
HEY!..

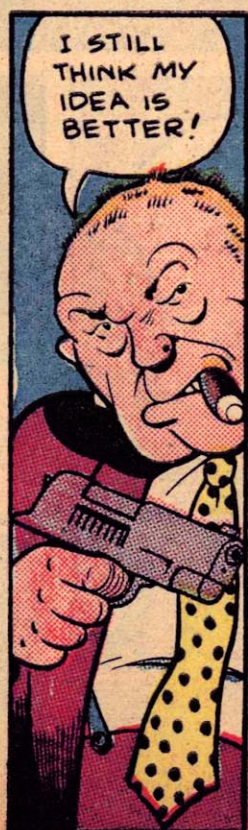
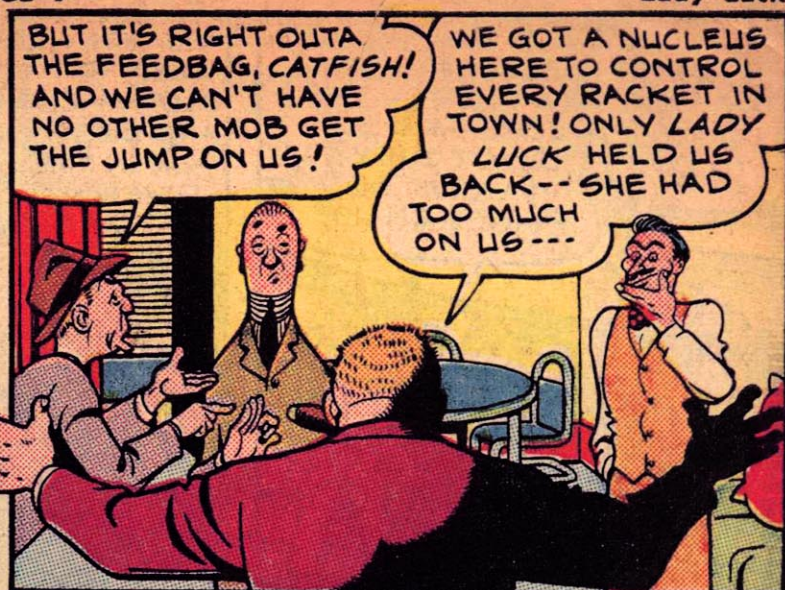
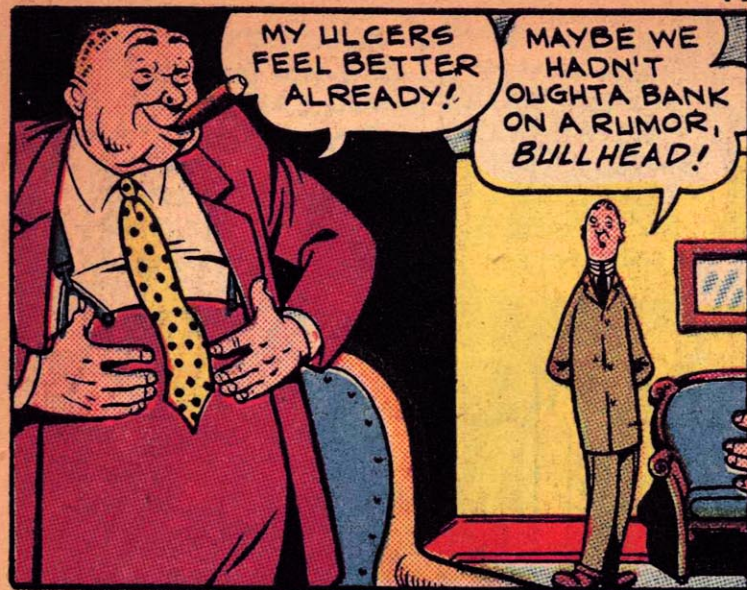
MY LITTLE SPECIMEN IS HUNGRY! IT WILL ENGULF YOU -- LIKE THE REST OF THE EVIDENCE!

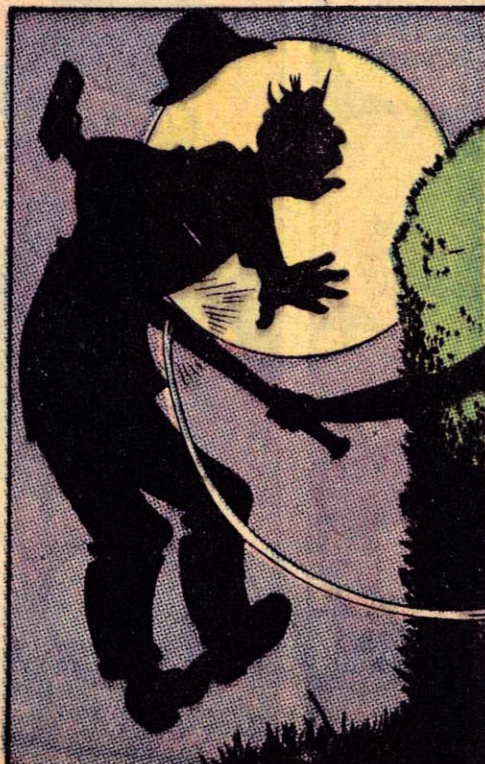
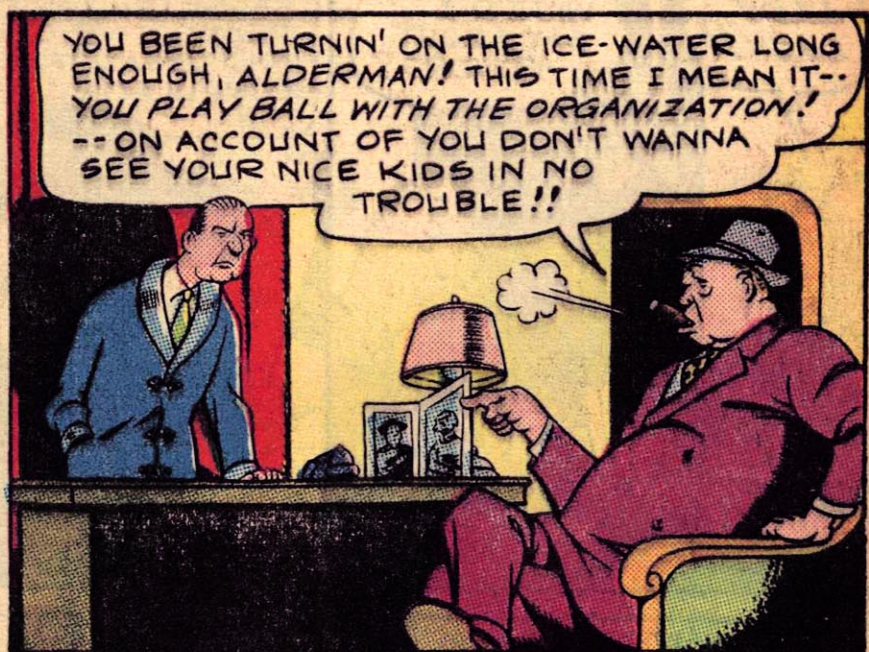
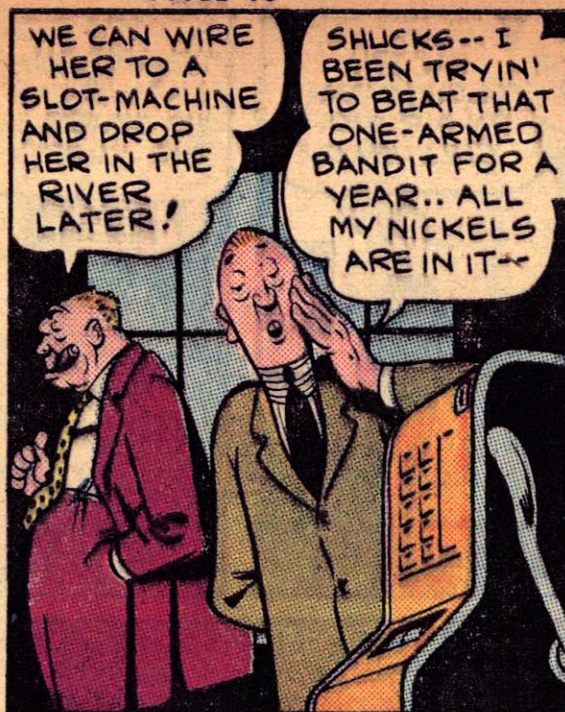


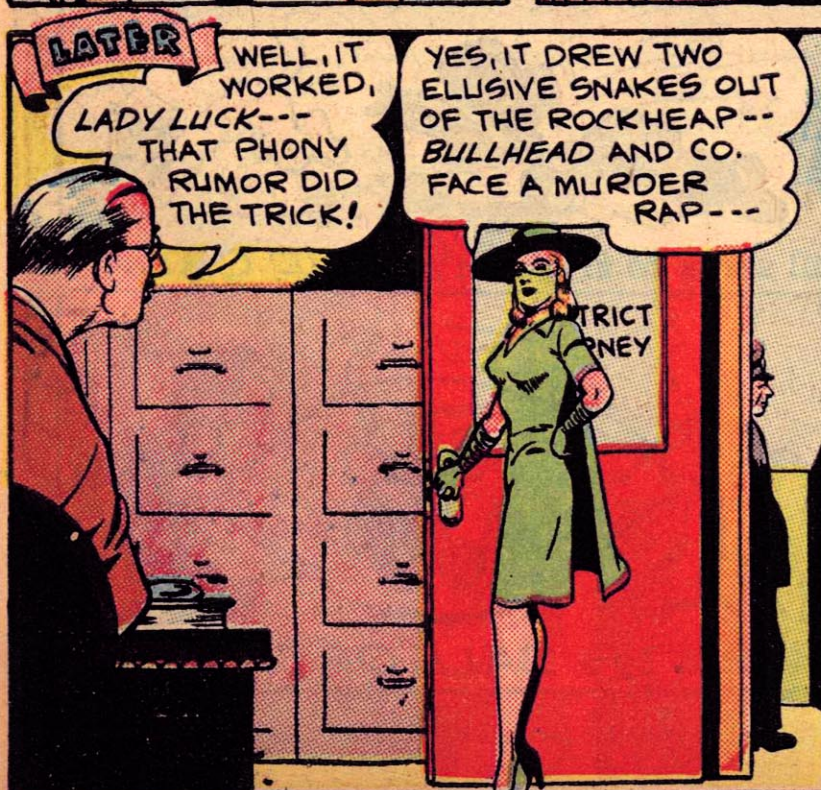
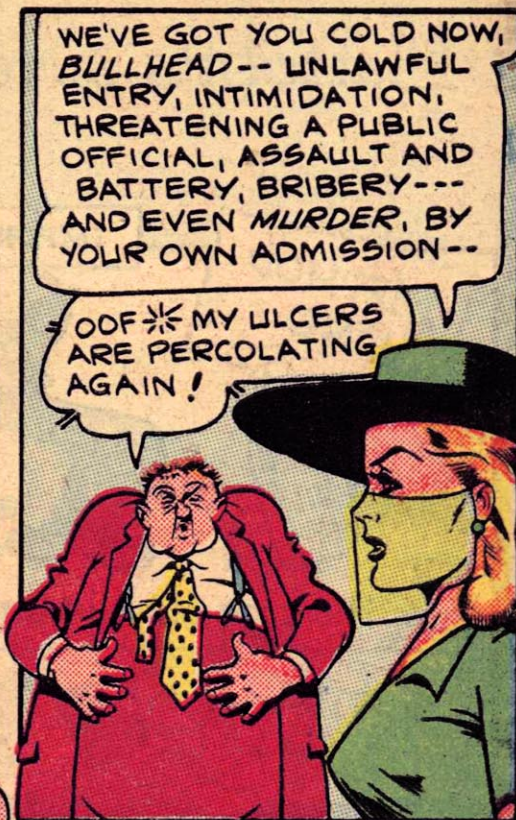
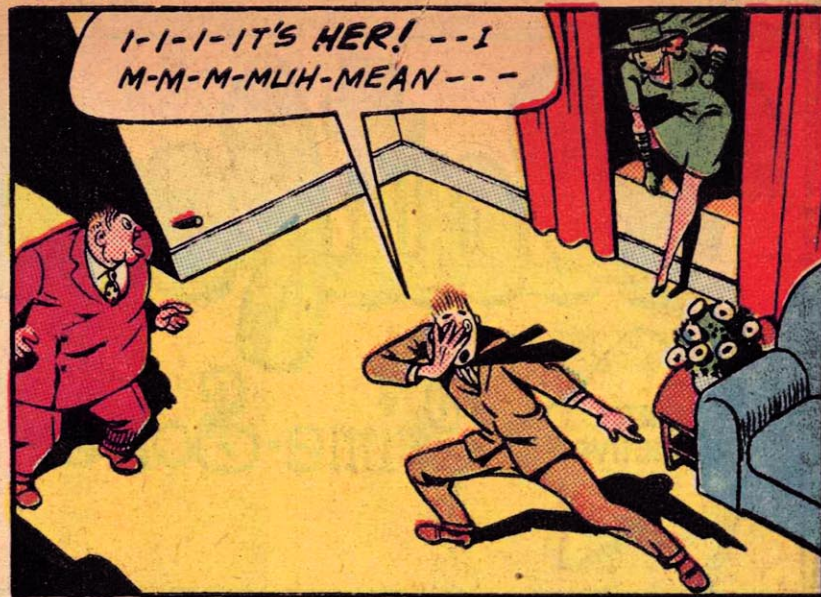
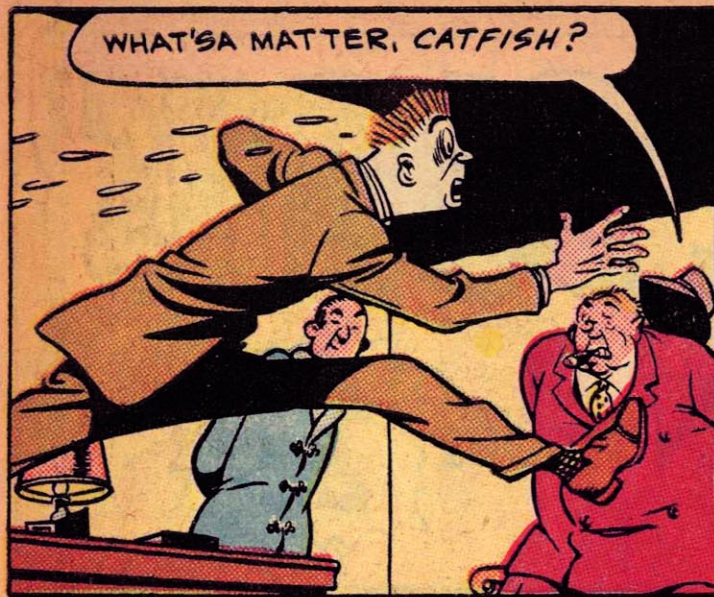
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Flatfoot BURNS

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Crime-Solver Number

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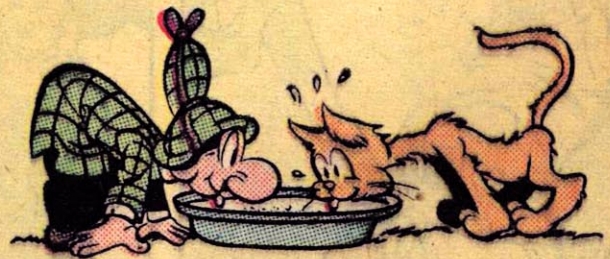
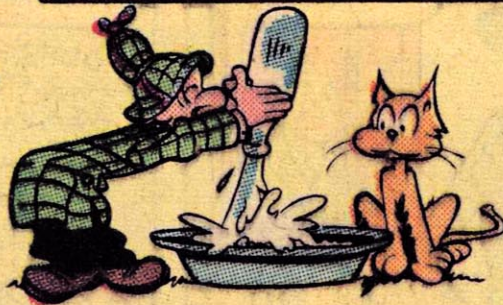
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Flatfoot's sure cure for *Meowing Cats!*

METHOD ONE



IMPORTANT: Never lose your temper!



In the case of a **HUNGRY CAT**, MILK is the best way to cement friendship...

METHOD TWO

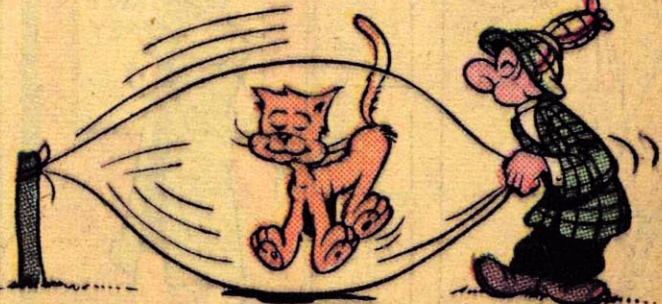


MEE-E-O-W-O!

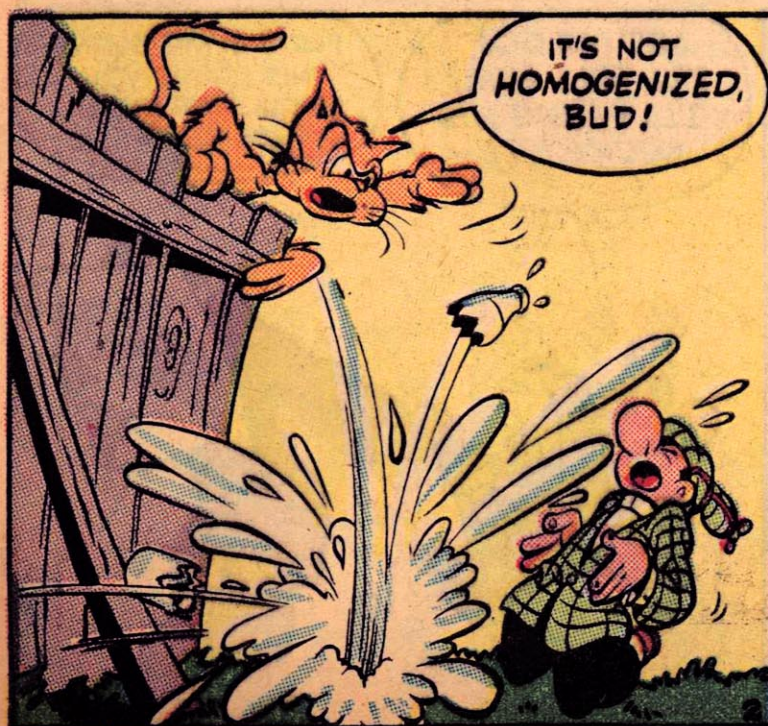
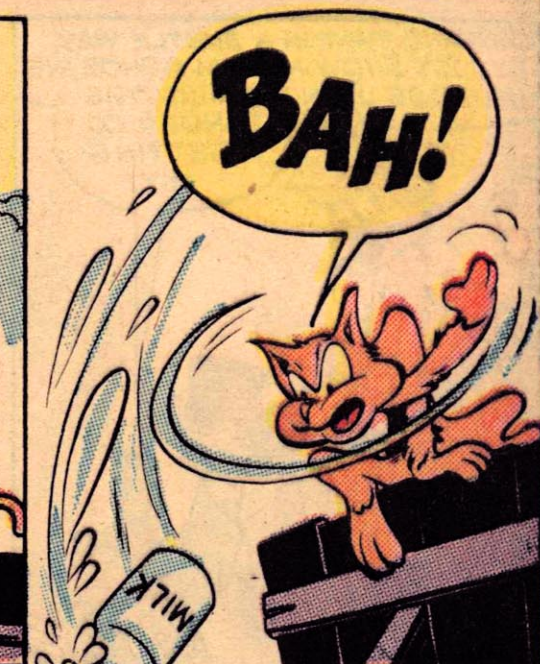
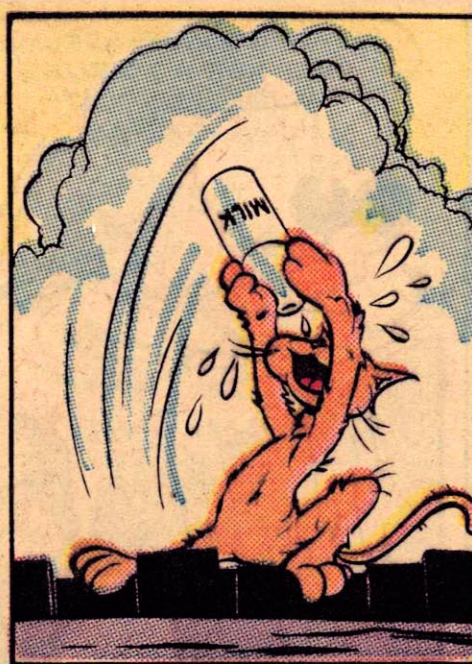
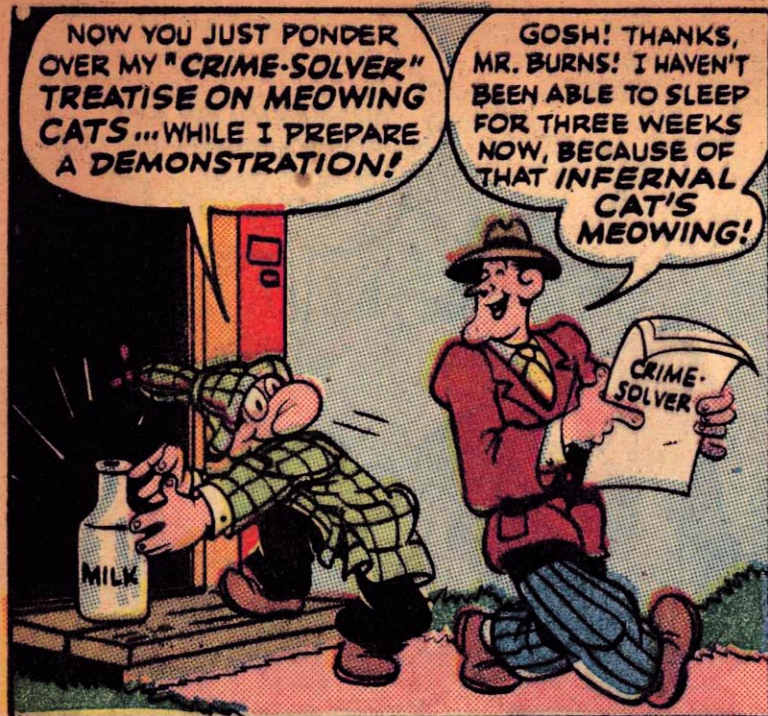


A SHOE, when used with discretion, will serve to frighten a **TIMID CAT**...

METHOD THREE

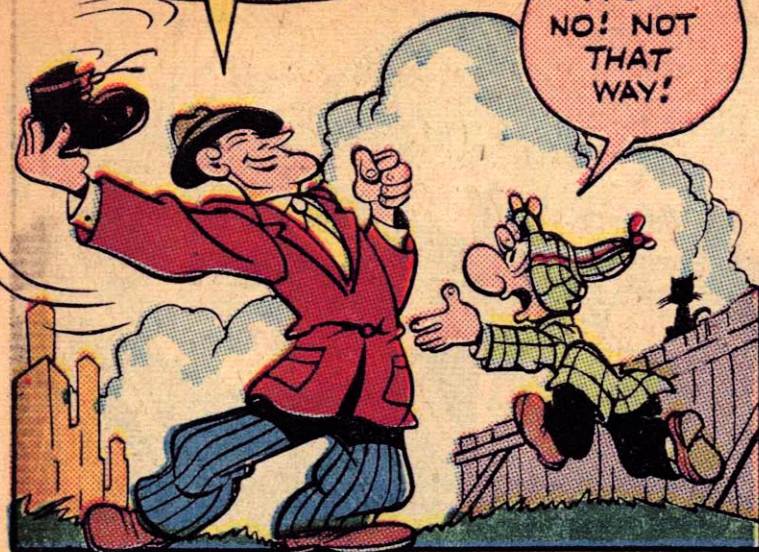


THE PLAYFUL CAT will always be fascinated by a **BALL OF TWINE**...



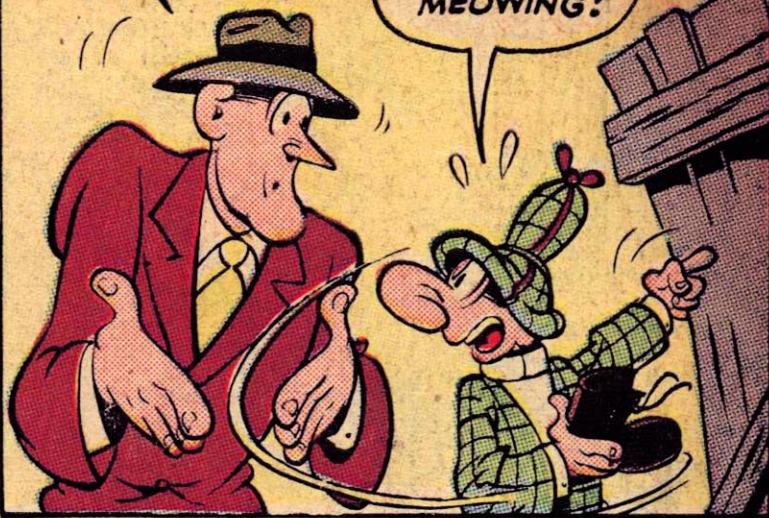
BUT, THEN, THERE'S ALWAYS THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED SHOE, MR. BURNS! SHALL I LET HIM HAVE IT?

NO!
NO! NOT THAT WAY!

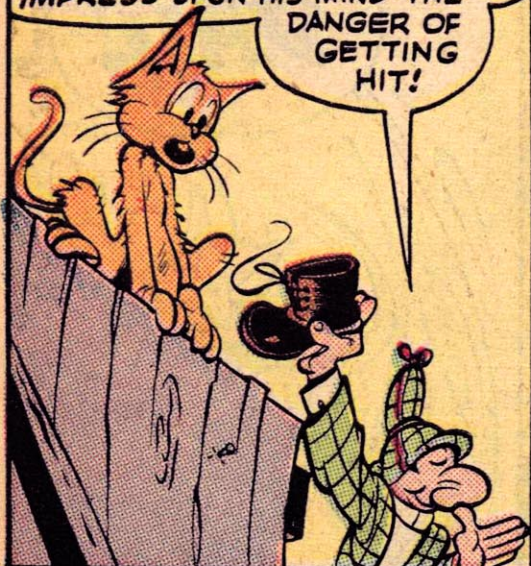


BUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS SAID TO USE WITH DISCRETION... SO ---

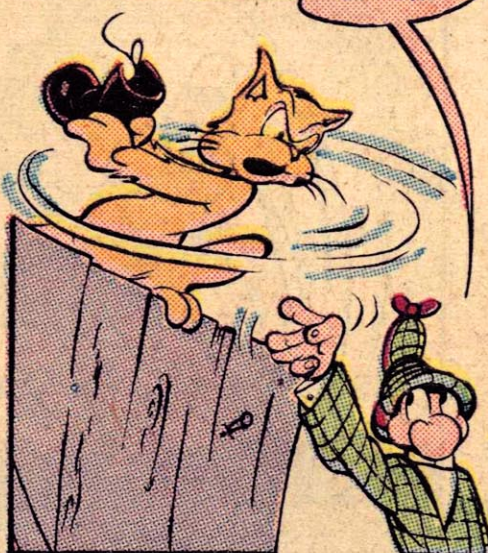
DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR METHOD WOULD MOST ASSUREDLY ANTAGONIZE HIM AND YOU'D NEVER STOP THE MEOWING?



OBSERVE THAT IN A *SUBTLE* WAY, BY JUST *SHOWING* HIM A SHOE, WE IMPRESS UPON HIS MIND THE DANGER OF GETTING HIT!



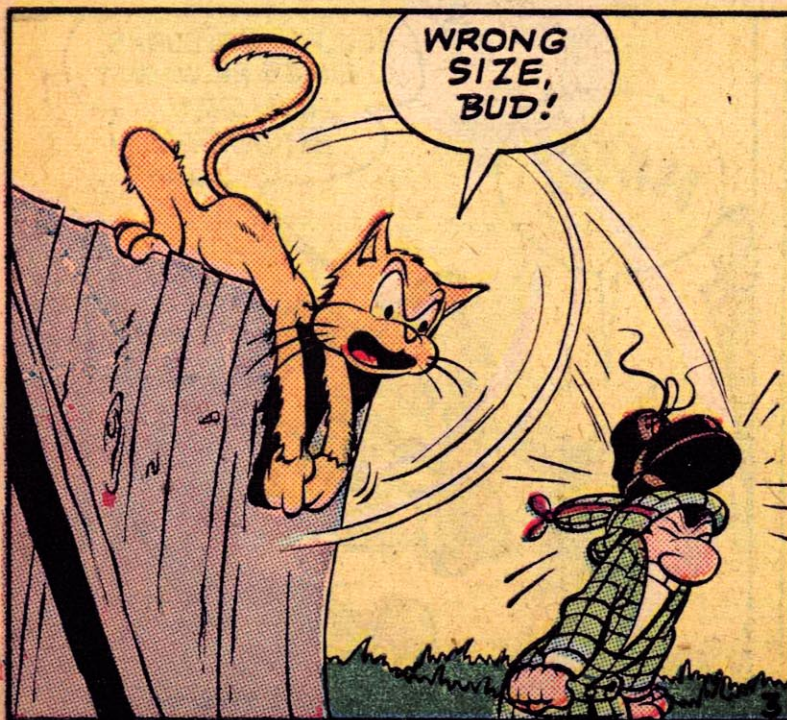
WE, OF COURSE, ASSUME THAT HE'S A MATURE CAT!...



--AND HAS HAD *PREVIOUS* EXPERIENCE WITH SHOES! GULP!

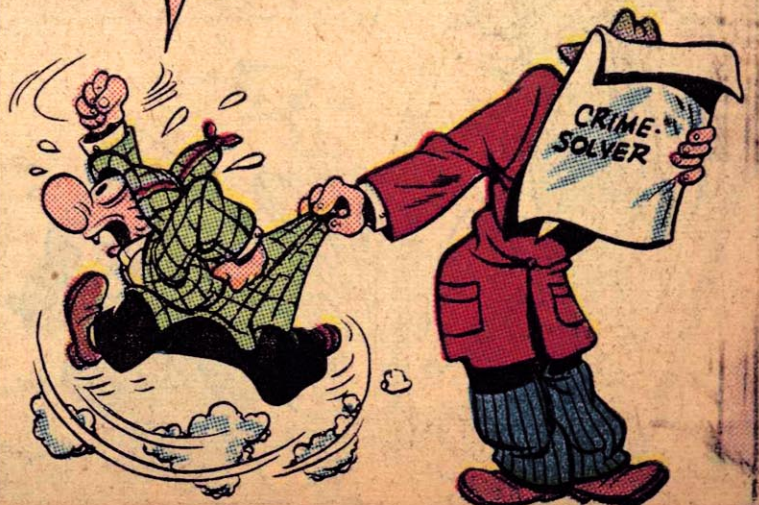


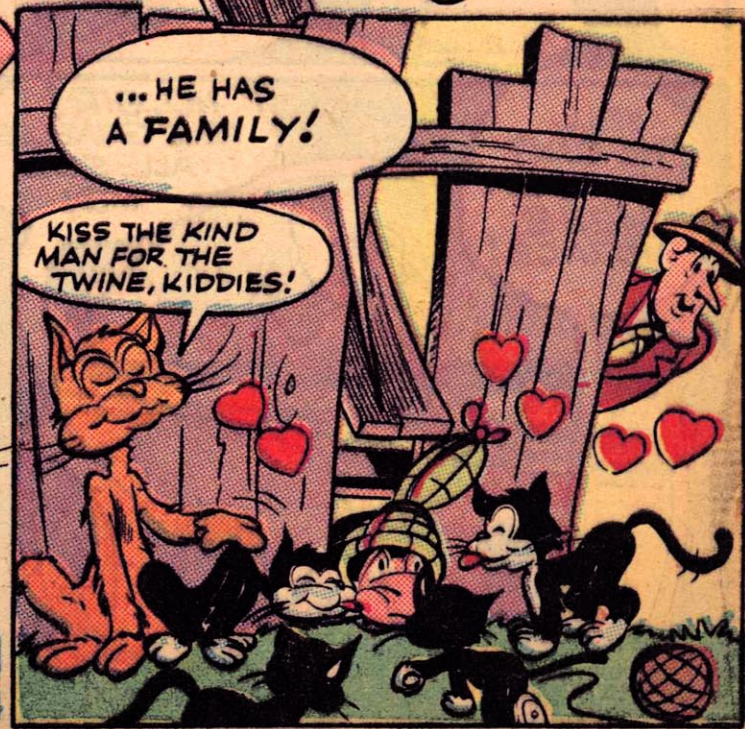
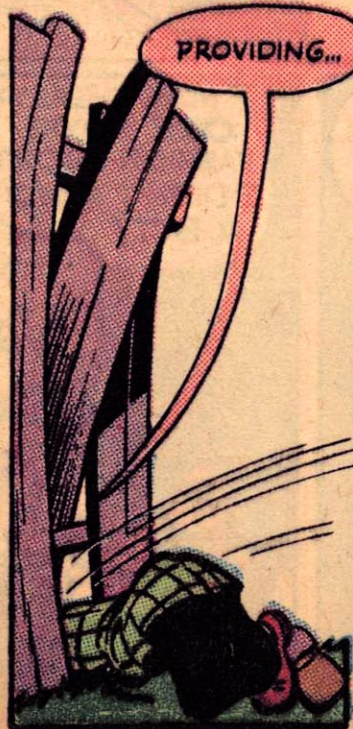
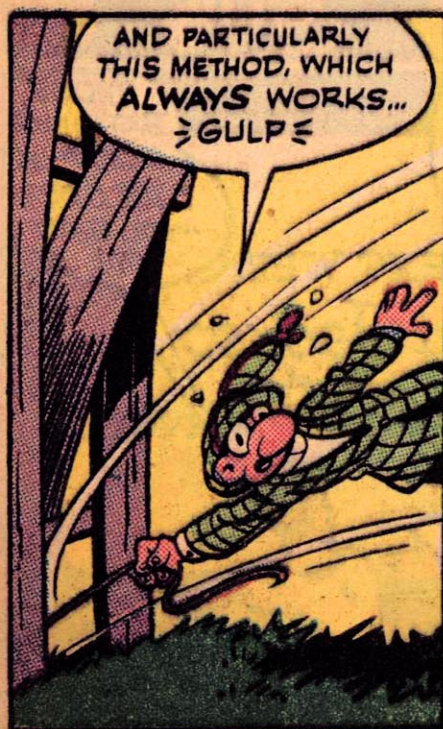
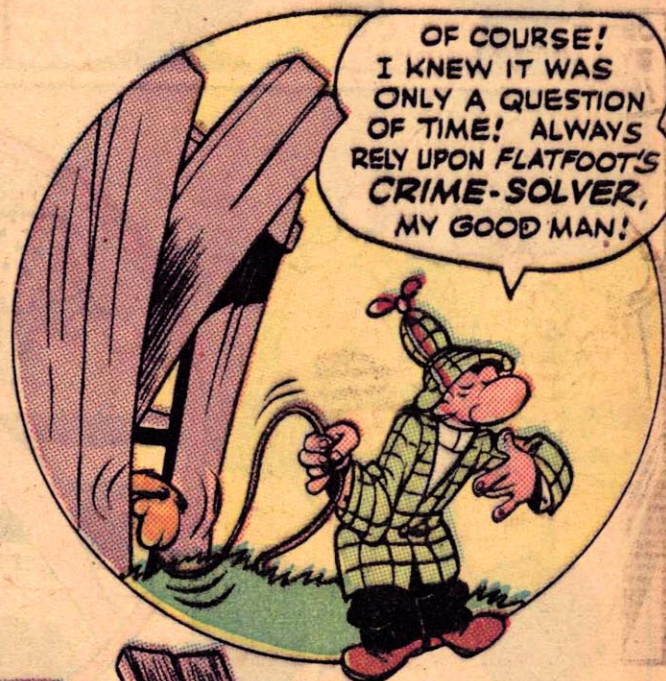
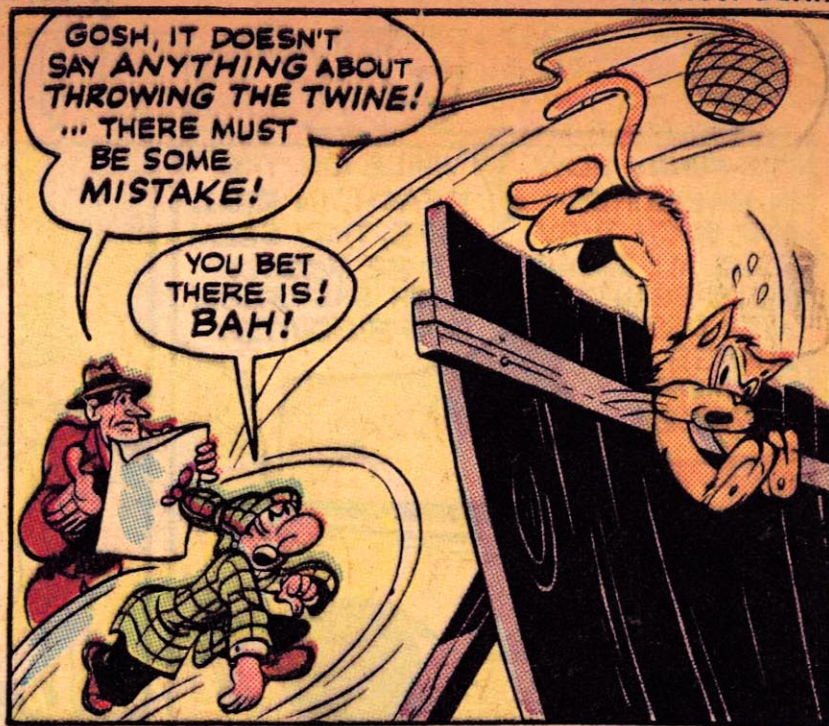
WRONG SIZE, BUD!



LET ME GO! I'LL KILL HIM! I'LL WRING HIS NECK! I'LL--

PLEASE, MR. BURNS! THIS SAYS YOU SHOULDN'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER!



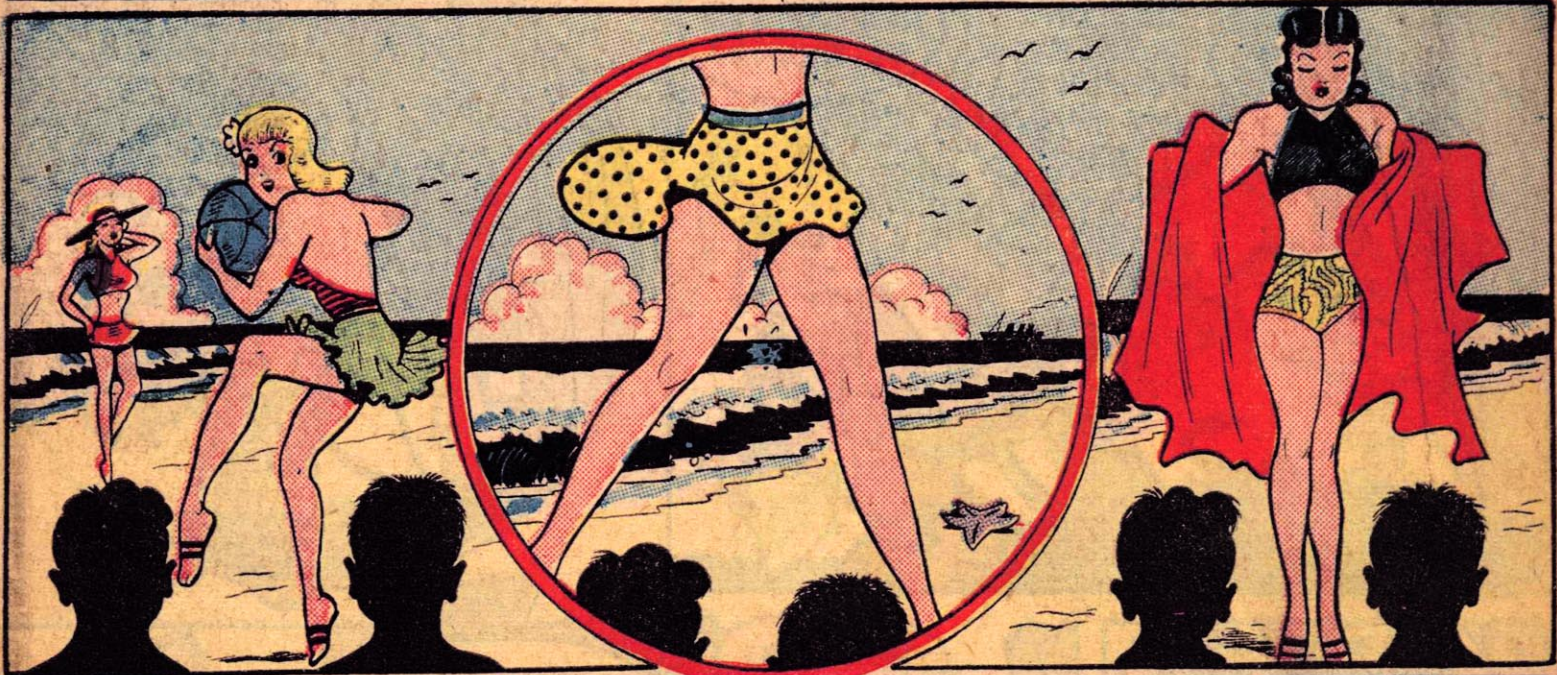
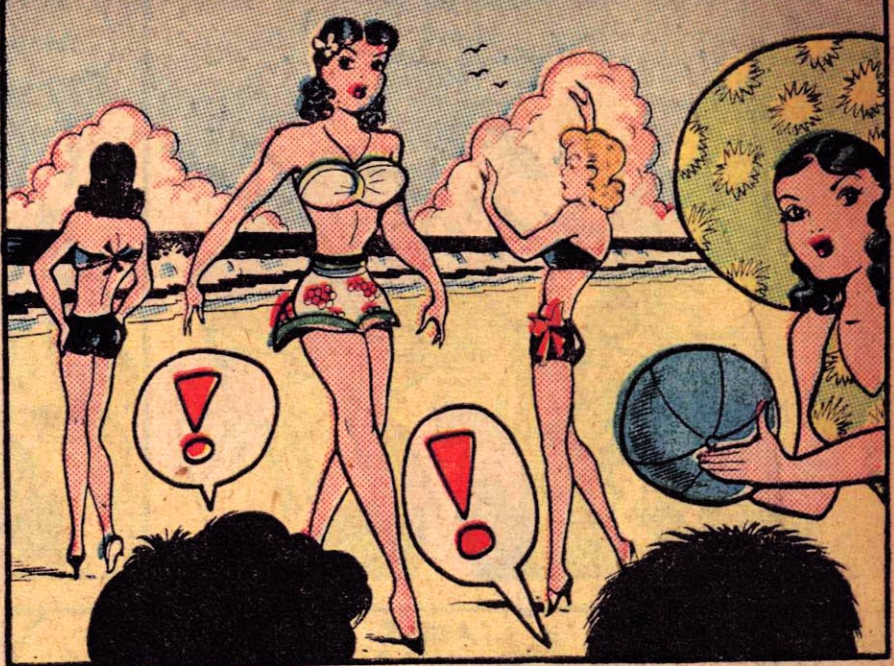


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IT'S FUNNY HOW
IN MAGAZINES
AND SUCH THEY
MAKE ALL BATHING
GIRLS BEAUTIFUL
WITH DRAPE
SHAPES AND
GLAMOR
PUSSIES!

WHILE ON THE
BEACH, IN REAL
LIFE, THEY SEEM
TO BE MOSTLY
SUCH SAD-SACK
DOG BISCUITS!



WELL,
WE CAN'T
KICK ABOUT
THESE,
HORACE!

NO, SIR!
ABLE GRABLES
ALL, SEZ
ME!

NOW, THERE'S
ONE MOVIE
FASHION SHORT
I DIDN'T MIND
A BIT!

THOSE
BATHING
MODELS
ARE GOOD
--YOU SAID
IT!

NEXT WEEK
Van Jackson
and
Gloria De Raven

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BRINGING BEAUTIES
BACK INTO THE LIGHT,
ONE BOOK
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